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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: YOUR MEETING WITH LIEVANO--ADDITIONAL BRIEFING  
MATERIALS

1. IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR MEETING NOVEMBER 30 WITH  
COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO, YOU MIGHT WISH TO  
CONSIDER RAISING AN ISSUE NOT ADDRESSED IN YOUR BRIEFING  
PAPERS--THE NEED TO DEVISE SOME WAY BY WHICH LESS EXTREME  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CAN MAKE THEIR WEIGHT FELT IN THE  
NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE. WE HAVE ALSO INCLUDED SOME BRIEF  
BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL WHICH MAY BE OF USE TO YOU.

2. THE COLOMBIANS ARE INCREASINGLY UPSET AND OUTSPOKEN  
WITH THE POLITICS OF THE GROUP OF 77. AT NAIROBI THE  
COLOMBIANS BROKE WITH THE 77 ON THE UNCTAD INTEGRATED  
PROGRAM AND DID NOT ATTEND THE G-77 SUMMIT HELD IN MEXICO  
CITY LAST SEPTEMBER. IN SEPTEMBER ALSO FINANCE MINISTER  
BOTERO PRESSED THE GOC INTO APPLYING FORMALLY FOR OECD  
MEMBERSHIP. WHILE THIS UNSUCCESSFUL BID WAS NOT WELL  
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THOUGHT OUT, IT DRAMATICALLY INDICATES THE COLOMBIANS'

DISENCHANTMENT WITH THE COURSE OF THE LDC'S PROGRAM IN  
MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS.

3. WE SUGGEST YOU EXPRESS OUR AGREEMENT WITH COLOMBIAN

CONCERNS AND SEEK LIEVANO'S THOUGHTS ON HOW NORTH/SOUTH  
DIALOGUE CAN BE RESTRUCTURED IN WAYS WHICH INCREASE THE  
INFLUENCE OF MODERATES SUCH AS COLOMBIA.

4. TALKING POINTS:

-- I BELIEVE YOU SHARE OUR CONCERN WITH THE PRESENT  
UNSATISFACTORY STRUCTURE OF THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE. I  
WOULD WELCOME YOUR THOUGHTS AS TO HOW THIS RELATIONSHIP  
CAN BE RESTRUCTURED TO BRING OUT A MORE REALISTIC  
WEIGHTING OF THE INTERESTS OF MAJOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.  
SUCH A REALISTIC WEIGHTING WOULD PROVIDE A GREATER VOICE  
FOR ECONOMICALLY-ADVANCED AND POLITICALLY MODERATE  
COUNTRIES SUCH AS COLOMBIA.

-- WE HAVE TRIED TO GET A LESS POLEMIC DISCUSSION AT THE  
GLOBAL LEVEL BY SUPPORTING CIEC. BUT CIEC RESULTS HAVE  
BEEN LIMITED AND THE DESIRABILITY OF CONTINUING THIS  
INSTITUTIONAL INNOVATION IS UNCLEAR. UNCTAD HAS BEEN  
PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO EXTREMIST RHETORIC AND WE  
WOULD SEE ITS SUBSTANTIVE ROLE OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF  
YEARS LIMITED ESSENTIALLY TO THE COMMODITY FIELD.

-- WE HAVE CONSIDERED BROADENING SOMEWHAT THE ROLE OF THE  
WORLD BANK/IMF MINISTERIAL LEVEL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO  
COVER FINANCIAL ISSUES GENERALLY. WOULD YOU FIND THIS  
WORTHWHILE?

-- WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC BLUEPRINT OF OUR OWN TO PUT FORWARD.  
IN GENERAL, HOWEVER, WE FEEL A PRACTICAL WAY TO PROCEED  
WOULD BE TO PLACE OUR MAJOR EMPHASIS ON THE FUNCTIONALLY  
SPECIALIZED INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE WORLD BANK, THE IMF  
AND THE GATT, IN PARTICULAR. BEYOND THIS, WE ARE  
UNCERTAIN AS TO WHAT IMPROVED NORTH/SOUTH INSTITUTIONAL  
ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BEST SERVE OUR OBJECTIVES.  
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-- YOUR APPROACH TO THE OECD RAISES A DIFFERENT ASPECT OF  
THIS PROBLEM. I UNDERSTAND THE BASIS FOR YOUR APPROACH  
AND SUPPORT A CLOSER WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COLOMBIA  
AND THE OECD, EVEN THOUGH THE MEMBERSHIP QUESTION CANNOT  
BE RESOLVED AT THIS TIME.

5. BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL

-- INDALECIO LIEVANO (PRONOUNCED LEEHVANO), AN INTIMATE FRIEND OF PRESIDENT ALFANZO LOPEZ MICHELSEN, BECAME, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN AUGUST 1974. FREQUENTLY REFLECTING THE PRESIDENT'S THINKING WHEN EXPRESSING HIS

OWN OPINIONS, LIEVANO IS FRIENDLY TOWARD THE U.S. BUT HAS

BEEN CRITICAL OF U.S. LATIN AMERICAN POLICIES. HE BELIEVES IN A CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. AND LATIN AMERICA WITH THE U.S. BEARING THE MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR SHAPING THIS RELATIONSHIP. HE HAS CALLED ON THE U.S. TO GRANT NONRECIPROCAL PREFERENCES TO LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND EXCLUDE THEM FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE 1974 U.S. TRADE REFORM ACT.

-- BORN IN 1917, LIEVANO RECEIVED A LAW DEGREE IN 1944 AND HAS HELD A NUMBER OF OFFICIAL POSITIONS BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD. A LONG STANDING MEMBER OF THE LIBERAL PARTY, HE IS MENTIONED AS A POSSIBLE COMPROMISE CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT IN 1978. ROBINSON

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